

Every Tuesday and Friday in C203



The
Charles Dickens
Book Club

This month: Discover *A Christmas Carol*

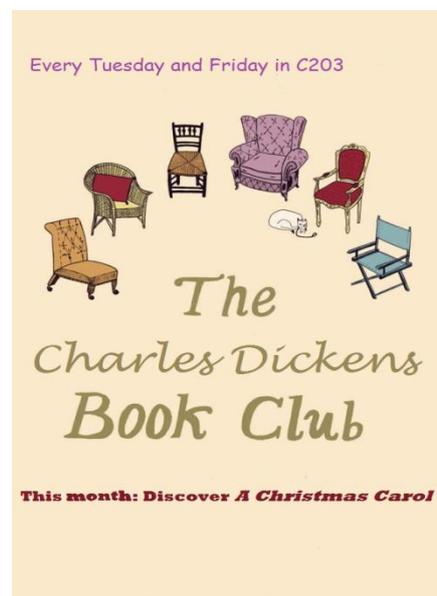


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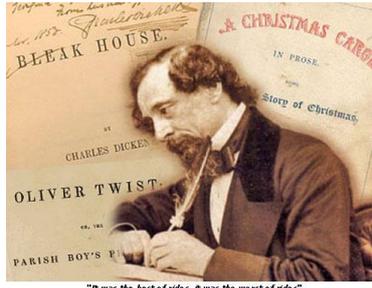
For its very first session, the Dickens' book club wants to test its members' knowledge of the great writer: Charles Dickens.

Make sure to do a bit of research by reading Dickens' biography at the end of your book.



Next session highlights: Get ready to test the other members and prepare your questions!

CHARLES DICKENS



"It was the best of rides, it was the worst of rides!"

With your group, read this short biography to get to know the author of *A Christmas Carol*. You want information about:

Group A	Group B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date of birth ○ Place of birth ○ Family background ○ Dickens' job at 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First successful novel in 1837 ○ Themes of his novels ○ 3 famous titles ○ Dickens' ideas

Now, ask questions to your classmates to recap the important ideas. Complete the following table.

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At home, read the longer biography of Dickens and be prepared to tell the class about 3 elements that surprised you.

Quiz Chapter 1

Production des élèves

- Why are people frightened when they see Scrooge?
 - ✓ “mean” “red eyes” “clever” “blue lips.”
- How long has Marley been dead for?
 - ✓ 7 years
- Who is Marley?
 - ✓ A ghost/ a former businessman/Scrooge’s business partner
- Who is the main character?
 - ✓ Scrooge
- What is Scrooge only interested in?
 - ✓ In making money and business
- What does Scrooge think about Christmas?
 - ✓ “Christmas is humbug”
- Is Scrooge afraid of what is happening in his house?
 - ✓ Yes
 - ✓ Marley’s ghost/ the knocker
- What is Marley’s first name?
 - ✓ Jacob
- What is the relationship between Scrooge and Marley?
 - ✓ They were business partners
- When did Scrooge see Marley’s ghost?
 - ✓ At night
 - ✓ On Christmas Eve
- Can you qualify Scrooge’s behaviour?
 - ✓ “a mean old man”
 - ✓ “spendthrift”
- What is Scrooge’s job?
 - ✓ A businessman
- What is Scrooge’s reaction when Marley comes back from the dead?
 - ✓ He doesn’t believe it
 - ✓ He asks him what he wants
- Who is Bob Cratchit?
 - ✓ Scrooge’s clerk/ his employee.

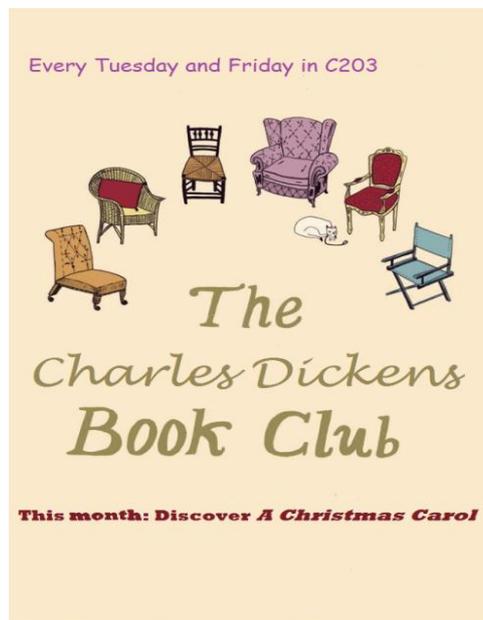


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Special session today: Writing workshop!!!!

As you all enjoyed discovering the chapter between Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Past, members will now imagine and write the conversation between Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present! Let's be creative!



Next session's highlights:

Let's vote for the best story!

Let's see which member will win chapter 3 missing words' competition by filling in the blanks.

Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present

2 exemples de production des élèves

- **Exemple n°1 : (Helen, Grace, Antonin)**

Mr Scrooge lift his head up and saw a bright light. A strange man appear. He has got long hair. He holds a torch.

He said with a frightening voice

Ghost: Scrooge... Scrooge...Scrooge

Srooge: Yeah, said Scrooge with a shaking voice.

Ghost: I'm the ghost of Christmas Present and came to make your life better.

Scrooge felt surprised and opened his tiny eyes.

Scrooge: Well I don't need your help. I've got money, money and money, so get out of here. Bullshit.

Ghost: Are you talking to me? Stupid man!

Scrooge: Yes, I'm talking to you! Do you want to fight?

Ghost: Yes. Let's start

Food was flying all over the living-room. Scrooge and the ghost were fighting.

- **Exemple n°2:**

Scrooge: Now. A second spirit? Who are you?

Ghost: I'm the ghost of Christmas Present.

Scrooge: What do you want?

Ghost: I want to make you visit poor people on Christmas Day.

Scrooge: Why?

Ghost: To show you how people feel, how they celebrate Christmas in sadness... Come with me!

Scrooge: No!!!

Later

Scrooge: Look! Children in cold. They are playing.

Ghost: They are more unhappy than you... Now, follow me, I will show you your family on Christmas Day. Look they are happy, but there is an empty chair. It is for you. Christmas is a moment when people are meeting.

Dickens Book Club – Résumés à trous

Deux exemples de productions d'élèves

- **Exemple n°1 : (Michèle)**

The novel A Christmas Carol was set at **1** in the 19th century in **2** . This was a time of terrible **3** . Scrooge who is the **4** of the book was a man who had not time or **5** for no one. He treated people like dirt. He did not care. It seemed to people that he had no heart or **6** . He was a selfish, mean **7** human being. During the second and the third chapter of the book, two ghosts visited Scrooge during the night of **8**. The ghost of Christmas past and present. The spirit of Christmas **9** escorted Scrooge in the past. Together, they revisited Scrooge's childhood schooldays and the spendthrift saw again Belle his old love. The ghost of Christmas **10** a majestic giant took Scrooge to London to show, unveil, Christmas as it will happen this year. We don't forget that among all the merchants of London, Scrooge is known as the richest and most miserly. It is an insensitive and old man living with the obsession of **11**. Nothing succeeds to move, **12** him. Every day of the year, Scrooge **13** Christmas. He calls it " **14**" . However, this year he will experience a Christmas that he is not soon to forget. But one question remains. During reading these two chapters, we discovered one sensitive Scrooge, able to love and cherish, like with Belle in chapter 2. Now the reader can believe he was like that because of his childhood. So we can say he was just a victim of his childhood because of his **15** leaving him alone at school at Christmas (chapter 1). So we can wonder if it is possible that one day his sweet heart **16** without ghost actions.

Choose the correct words for the text:

A/ Christmas Time

B/will resurface

C/sympathy

D/Christmas Eve

E/London

F/ humbug

G/main character

H/emotion

I/money

J/touch

K/hates

L/poverty.

M/father

N/spendthrift

O/past

P/present

Answers: A1/B16/C5/D8/E2/F14/G4/H6/I11/J12/K13/L3/M15/N7/O9/P10

- Exemple n°2 (Lisa)

A Christmas Carol

In the last two chapters, the _____ ghost, the ghost of _____ does its entrance. Scrooge is very _____ by the appearance of this ghost very _____ and very dark. In chapter 4, the spirit shows to Scrooge his future, particularly his _____. Ebenezer is hated because he is _____ and merciless. At this death any person even comes to _____ him. He is in front of this show and is sad and _____. After that, he sees a family put into debt by happy Scrooge. Then he sees his grave. This is going to ___ the end of his life. In the _____ chapter, Scrooge _____ totally. He his happy. He wants to change his future. He decides to give his money to the _____ men, to _____ the salary of Bob and he _____ to his nephew Fred. Scrooge didn't spend his life with his princess, but surrounded with his friends.

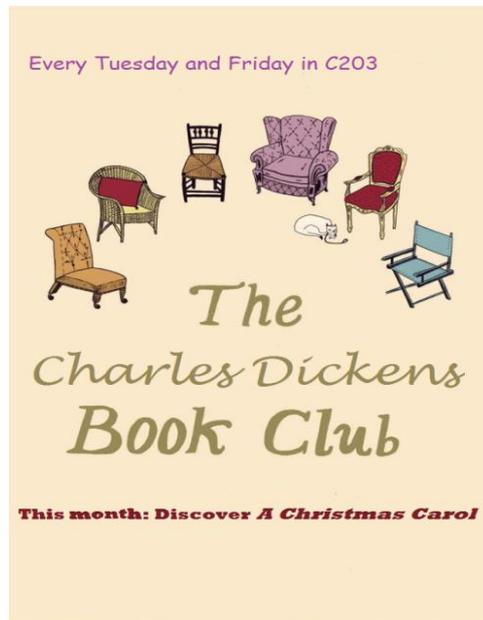


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Special session today: Drama workshop!!!!

As you all enjoyed discovering the world of Scrooge and Tiny Time in Dickens' famous Christmas story A Christmas Carol. The Charles Dickens Book Club offers you a chance to have a unique and funny experience. Choose any scene in the last two chapters and be prepared to perform it in front of all the members. Let's be creative!



Next session's highlights: Let's vote for the best screenplay and performance!

Extra session: *A Christmas Carol* on screen